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TRANSPORTING BEHAVIOR IN)
AN EVENT-BASED DISTRIBUTED)
SYSTEM)

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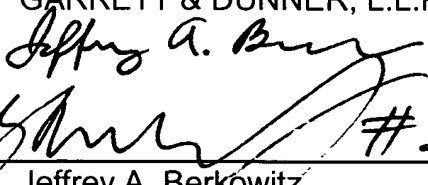
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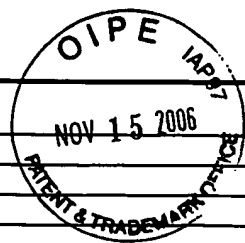
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